



Letter from the Executive Director

Greetings!

National Gun Violence Survivors Week (February 1–7) is a time to honor those who have been affected by gun violence, recognize their resilience, and assess the advocacy work that needs to be done. We urge our partners to advocate for policies that will prevent gun injuries and death, including supporting the Safe Gun Storage Public Awareness Campaign bill ([HB 4729](#)). Your organization can take action by signing on as a supporting organization to our [fact sheet](#) by emailing scy@luriechildrens.org and contacting your legislator and urging them to [cosponsor HB 4729](#). By taking action, you can help make our communities safer from gun violence.

Sincerely,
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FEATURED ARTICLE: CELEBRATING 10 YEARS Happy Birthday SCY!

Ten years ago, Strengthening Chicago's Youth started with a kickoff meeting of 130 people and has grown into Chicago's largest violence prevention collaborative. With the guidance of the Dr. Karen Sheehan and Becky Levin, something special was created that has helped bring countless stakeholders in both Chicago and Illinois together to address violence prevention with a public health approach.

With the work of many dedicated current and former staff members, the drive to prevent violence remains unwavering and more important than ever. The cherished partnerships and projects that have been established as a result of connecting with others is SCY's most important asset.



We look forward to continuing this work over the next ten years with the many strong community partners, youth leaders and advocates we've met along the way. We look forward to continuing to grow and having robust conversations to address the complex problems in front of us with community-led solutions.

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SHIFT WEBINAR SERIES PART 1 Secondary Trauma and Traumatic Stress

This is the first webinar in a 6-part series addressing secondary trauma and traumatic stress to help law enforcement, prosecutors, and other investigative personnel identify, reduce, and address the traumatic impact of their work in combating child sexual exploitation. This webinar will focus on secondary trauma and traumatic stress, the effect it has on professionals, and the different factors that can compound the response to trauma.

Wednesday, February 2, 2022
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm
Online



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STATE OF HEALTH OF CHICAGO Update and Summary Report

The Institute of Medicine of Chicago (IOMC) will share highlights of the State of Health of Chicago held from September 2020 through December 2021 and identify its future initiatives. The overall program focused on creating systemic change in the time of a pandemic. The sessions conducted over the past year included COVID-19, the social determinants of health, health inequity, systemic racism, maternal health, and more.



Friday, February 4, 2022
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
Online

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BUILDING HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES

The Power of Technology to Facilitate Community Investment

Join [Social Current](#) for a webinar covering the challenges and opportunities of integrating health care and human services sectors. The webinar will focus on how technology can play a critical role in increasingly bringing together funding streams to sustainably fund the services needed to improve community health and wellbeing.

Thursday, February 10, 2022

11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Online (via Zoom)

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SHIFT WEBINAR SERIES PART 2

Physical Signs and Symptoms and How to Mitigate

This is the second webinar in a 6-part series addressing secondary trauma and traumatic stress to help law enforcement, prosecutors, and other investigative personnel identify, reduce, and address the traumatic impact of their work in combating child sexual exploitation. This webinar will focus on the physical signs and symptoms of stress and share specialized resiliency tools and coping strategies to help professionals combat traumatic stress and develop personalized tools to help alleviate the effects of trauma.

Wednesday, February 16, 2022

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Online



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PASS THE MIC

A Virtual Discussion to Understand the Impact of COVID-19 from a Parent's Perspective

Join Public Narrative for a virtual four-person panel discussion with parents and guardians to understand the impact of COVID-19 on them and their families, followed by breakout discussions among remaining attendees.

Wednesday, February 16, 2022

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MENTAL HEALTH DURING THE COVID PANDEMIC

A Status Report

This [Institute of Medicine of Chicago \(IOMC\)](#) event will have a dynamic overview of the mental health consequences of the COVID pandemic. First, IOMC will present studies on increasing mental illness prevalence and the developing mental health provider gap. Secondly, Aunt Marth's Health and Wellness, a leading provider in the State of Illinois, will present their experience with the demand and provision of services.



Friday, February 25, 2022
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
Online

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VOICES OF CHILD HEALTH IN CHICAGO REPORT

Infant Sleep Practices in Chicago Families

The latest [Voices of Child Health in Chicago](#) report explores infant sleep practices in Chicago. Some report highlights include: more than half of parents (58%) reported engaging in one or more unsafe sleep practices with their infants; engaging in unsafe infant sleep practices did not differ by parent age or gender, but did differ by race/ethnicity, household income and parent education level.



Voices of Child Health
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